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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Takanori MAEDA et al.) Confirmation No.: 6766
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Application No.: 10/624,929) Group Art Unit: 2873
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Filed: July 23, 2003) Examiner: Jack Dinh
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For: VARIABLE OPTICAL ELEMENT,)
A PICKUP APPARATUS HAVING)
THE VARIABLE OPTICAL)
ELEMENT, AND AN)
INFORMATION RECORDING)
AND REPRODUCING APPARTUS)
HAVING THE PICKUP)
APPARATUS)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the non-final Office Action dated March 24, 2005.
2. Additional papers enclosed:
 - ☐ Drawings: _____ sheets with _____ figures
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
 - ☐ Form PTO-1449
 - ☐ Citations
 - ☐ Declaration of Biological Deposit
 - ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

☐ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

☐ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 795.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$450.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

☒ **EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	14	minus	20	0	x \$50 each =	+ \$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	2	minus	3	0	x \$200 each =	+ \$0.00
[] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$360.00	+ \$0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

6. Fee Payment

- ☐ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450.00 for the two-month extension of time fee.
- ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 50-0573 for the _____ fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 24, 2005, the period for response to which extends through August 24, 2005, by the concurrently filed request for a two-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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